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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 0766

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PK, US, MORG  
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN NAVY SX-404 SUBMARINE

REF: CNO WASHINGTON 191249Z JAN 77

1. EMBOFF AND ALUSNA MET WITH PAKNAV DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
(DNI) ON 20 JAN. 77 TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL DATA REQUESTED IN REFTTEL.

2. DNI STATED SX-404 SUBMARINE WAS OPERATING ON THE SURFACE IN  
THE COMPANY OF PAKNAV SURFACE ESCORT APPROXIMATELY 170 DEGREES  
TRUE, 40 MILES FROM MANORA LIGHTHOUSE, KARACHI. AT 210230 DEC 76  
LOCAL TIME, SURFACE SHIP LOST VISUAL CONTACT WITH SX-404. DNI  
BELIEVES A LAPSE OF AT LEAST THIRY MINUTES MAY HAVE OCCURRED  
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BEFORE SURFACE SHIP REALIZED SX-404 DISAPPEARANCE. BASED UPON  
LOST CONTACT REPORT OF ESCORT, PAKNAV CONSIDERS DATUM AS 24 08N4  
67 06.5E 4 RPT 24 08N4 67 06.5E. DATUM ERROR TAKING IN CONSIDER-  
ATION THE 8 KNOT SOA OF THE ESCORT FOR THIRTY MINUTES AND  
NAVIGATIONAL ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS TWO MILES IS CONSIDERED PLUS  
OR MINUS SIX MILES. PAKNAV BELIEVES DATUM ACCURATE. DEPTH OF  
WATER IN THE AREA OF DATUM IS 12 TO 18 FATHOMS. THE TYPE BOTTOM

IS SAND, MUD AND FLAT. CONDITIONS THIS TIME OF YEAR ARE CALM SEAS, SEA STATE ZERO. OVERALL WEATHER CONDITIONS EXCELLENT. PAKNAV HAS NOT SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY OTHER FOREIGN NATION.

3. CONCURRENTLY, THE PAKNAV WITH THEIR LIMITED CAPABILITY AND RESOURCES IS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO LOCATE THE SX-404, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. PAKNAV FEELS STRONGLY THE SX-404 MUST BE LOCATED TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT, AND FOR THE MORALE OF ITS SUBMARINE FORCE.

4. IF USN ASSISTANCE IS FORTHCOMING PAKVAN ASSURED US PAKNAV SHIPS AND OTHER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIRED BY USN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED.

5. WE AGAIN STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE USN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY POSITIVE RESPONSE.  
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